view the performance of adult education Programme in Orissa with reference to actual achievement in the field which is practically nil?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): The performance of adult education programmes is reviewed and monitored every quarter by the State and Central Governments. The monitoring is done both in terms of quantity and quality. As against the target of 2.25 lakhs learners for 1985-86 by the end of March, 1986 2.06 lakhs learners were enrolled in Adult Education Centres in Orissa.

Medium of instruction in the Navodaya Schools

411. SHRI ALADI ARUNA *alias* V. ARUNACHALAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce the official language of the respective States as medium of instruction in the Navodaya Schools ; and

(b) the languages which have been recongnised for being used as medium of instruction in these schools?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) Admission to Navodaya Vidyalayas will be at the level of class VI. In view of the fact that most of the students so admitted would have been taught earlier through the medium of the mother tongue/regional language, instruction will be provided through the medium of regional language in that State upto class VII or VIII, during which intensive teaching of Hindi/English, both as language subjects and co-media will be undertaken. Thereafter, the common medium would be Hindi/English in all Navodaya Vidyalayas.

Subsidies to Indian Merchant Navy for import of ships

412. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government give subsidies to the Indian Merchant Navy for importing ships under Ship Acquisition From Abroad Under New Scheme;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for providing the subsidies; and

(c) what is the capacity utilisation of the Indian shipyards?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Under SAFAUNS (Ship Acquisition from Abroad Under New Scheme) shipping companies are charged interest on the loan amount at 2 per cent above the Bank Rate. With a view to off set this heavy debt servicing burden, considering the capital intensive nature of the shipping industry, Government decided to give an interest subsidy to the shipping companies, through Shipping Development Fund Committee, so that the effective rate of interest comes to 7.5 per cent for the borrowing shipping companies.

(c) Capacity utilisation of the two public sector shipyards, Hindustan Shipyard Limited and Cochin Shipyard Limited, under the administrative control of this Department, during the last three years, has varied beween 67 per cent and 97 per cent for Hindustan Shipyard Limited and between 38.4 per cent and 56 per cent for Cochin Shipyard Limited.

Promotion of adult education

413. SHRI GANESHWAR KUSUM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount earmarked for the promotion of adult education during the Seventh Five Year Plan; and